

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) A method of making a touch fastener, the method comprising:

forming ~~a composite polymeric sheet comprising a plurality of side-by-side lanes~~ having edges, the composite polymeric sheet including a lane comprising a first polymeric material and a lane comprising a second polymeric material which is foamed; and

joining the lanes side-by-side along their edges to provide a composite polymeric sheet;
and

forming a plurality of discrete fastener element stems extending outwardly from at least one exposed surface of the composite sheet.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 further comprising forming engageable heads on the discrete fastener element stems.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39 wherein the lanes are joined with an adhesive. ~~composite polymeric sheet is formed by bonding the side-by-side lanes.~~

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39 wherein the ~~composite polymeric sheet is formed by coextruding the side-by-side lanes~~ lanes are coextruded.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the second polymeric material is foamed by utilizing a chemical foaming agent.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the second polymeric material is foamed by injecting gas.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the second polymeric material is a thermoset.

47-67. (Cancelled)

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the composite polymeric sheet includes a plurality of lanes comprising first and second materials.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 68 wherein the lanes comprising the first and second polymeric material alternate.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the first polymeric material is polypropylene.

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the second polymeric material is an elastomer.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71 wherein the elastomer is a polypropylene-based thermoplastic vulcanizate.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the lane comprising the second polymeric material has a height that is greater than a height of the lane comprising the first polymeric material, each height being measured from a back surface of the respective lane to the top surface of the respective lane.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the at least one exposed surface of the composite sheet defines a portion of a top surface of the lane comprising the first polymeric material.

75. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the forming of the lanes and the joining of the lanes is performed concurrently.